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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Lithuania to the United Nations Office at Geneva presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament and has the honour to transmit herewith the statement issued on 29 May 1998 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania concerning the underground nuclear tests carried out by India and Pakistan.

The Permanent Mission of Lithuania would be grateful if this statement is circulated as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament.

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LITHUNIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania expresses its great regret and is concerned about the series of underground nuclear tests carried out by Pakistan on May 28 as well as those conducted by India on May 11 and 13. By carrying out these tests, Pakistan and India openly ignored the efforts of the world community to stop the threat of nuclear armament and increased regional confrontation.

The Lithuanian MFA calls on Pakistan and India to refrain from statements and actions which could complicate the tense situation, and at the same, time seek the re-establishment of bilateral dialogue and stability in the region. The MFA urges both states to immediately announce a moratorium on nuclear weapons development programs and sign the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty of 1968 as well as the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty of 1996.